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Last week’s temperatures remained in the normal range. Amounts of precipitation varied throughout the state ranging from 0.54 inches to 4.7 inches. There were 6.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 22% very short, 43% short, and 35% adequate.

Crops

The harvesting of rice and soybeans was in full swing while corn harvest was winding down. Rice harvesting was 50% complete. The majority of the crops remained ahead of the five-year average. Rice and cotton remained in good condition. Defoliant was being applied to many cotton fields throughout the state and cotton harvest was slowly beginning. Sorghum was 97% mature and winter wheat preparations continued to take place all over the state. Hay and soybean producers continued to spray for insects.

Livestock

Livestock were in good condition. Some livestock owners have begun selling their calves. Livestock producers were baling and stockpiling hay, planting fall pastures, and planting small grains and ryegrass to have as winter pasture.

Percent of Progress					
	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5-Year Avg
Corn	Harvested	94	85	78	83
Cotton	Bolls Open	84	66	87	75
	Harvested	9	3	4	3
Rice	Harvested	50	30	38	45
Sorghum	Mature	97	95	40	94
	Harvested	85	76	27	74
Soybeans	Yellowed	67	58	66	47
	Shedding	51	41	50	38
	Matured	40	29	34	20
	Harvested	27	20	25	15

Condition in Percentages					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	0	6	25	49	20
Rice	1	6	29	48	16
Soybeans	9	15	32	35	9
Hay-Other	20	22	39	17	2
Hay-Alfalfa	45	23	18	14	0
Pasture & Range	18	28	37	14	3

